

In the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following:

-- NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING SIGIRR POLYPEPTIDES --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-33 without prejudice, and add the following new claims 34-60:

34. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to the nucleic acid depicted in SEQ ID NO:1 in 50% formamide and 6XSSC, at 42°C and after washing conditions of 60°C, 0.5XSSC, 0.1% SDS, and encodes an amino acid sequence that is at least 80% identical to amino acids 1-118 of SEQ ID NO:2.

35. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 34, wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 90% identical to amino acids 1-118 of SEQ ID NO:2.

36. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 34, encoding an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 1-118 of SEQ ID NO:2.

37. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to the nucleic acid depicted in SEQ ID NO:1 in 50% formamide and 6XSSC, at 42°C and after washing conditions of 60°C, 0.5XSSC, 0.1% SDS, wherein said molecule is at least 80% identical to the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

38. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 37, wherein said molecule is at least 90% identical to the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

39. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 38 comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

40. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 37 encoding an amino acid sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

41. (new) A recombinant vector that directs the expression of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 34.

42. (new) A recombinant vector that directs the expression of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 35.

43. (new) A recombinant vector that directs the expression of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 36.

44. (new) A recombinant vector that directs the expression of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 37.